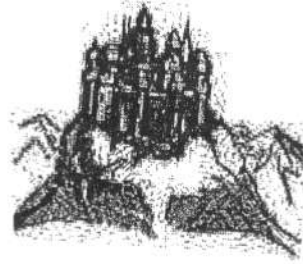


Castles



Castles were built in an age when it was necessary to defend a large area of the countryside. From the high towers that they built onto the castle, the knights and lords could launch attacks on their enemies. The castle was a great deal more than a fort, however. Inside it was like a small city with beautiful rooms, towers, and a chapel. The lord and lady and their family lived inside. When they were attacked, people would come from the surrounding countryside to help defend the castle against their enemies.

Building a castle was a great undertaking. An army of workers was needed to build it. Carpenters worked with wood, and masons worked with stones. Blacksmiths worked on the castle as well. A blacksmith is a worker who makes things from iron. The builders chose to make stone castles because wooden buildings could be burned down. Below is the Table of Contents, the Index and the Glossary for a book on castles. Use this information to answer the questions below.

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Glossary

crossbow a bow fixed to a wooden support which directs the bolt that it fires. It needed to be wound up before firing. The crossbow needed to be rewound again after firing.

drawbridge a bridge that could be pulled up or pulled down to prevent people from entering the castle. It helped to protect the castle.

joust a contest in which one knight tries to knock another one off his horse.

keep a stone tower in the center of the castle which was used for protecting the castle.

lady the wife of a lord.

lord the person who owned and controlled all life in the castle.

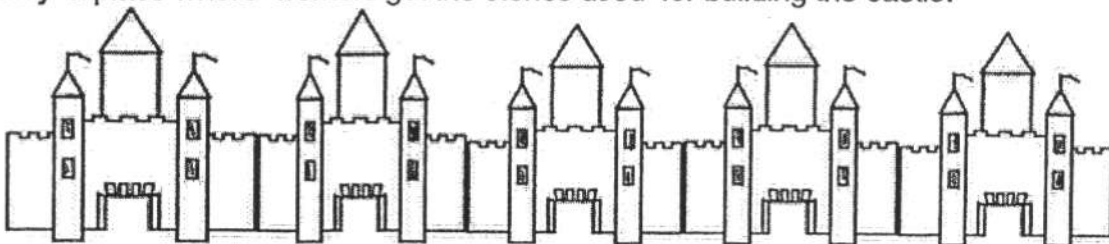
mason A worker in stone. He helped to build the castle from stone.

moat a water filled ditch that surrounded the castle. It was also used to defend the castle.

peasant A country man or woman who lived on the land and did the lord's work.

portcullis a heavy grill used to close the gateway to the drawbridge. It helped to protect the castle.

quarry a place where workers got the stones used for building the castle.



1. The glossary describes three things that were used to protect the castle. Name them and describe them.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. From the selection in the Index that tells of the word "lord", you know that.....(Choose the **best** answer.)

- ☐ The lord was very powerful.
- ☐ the lord appeared many times in the book.
- ☐ The lord defended the castle.
- ☐ The lord liked hunting and fighting.

3. On what page would you find information on armor making? _____

Which source did you use? _____

4. In which chapter would you find out how to build a castle?

- ☐ Chapter One
- ☐ Chapter Two
- ☐ Chapter Three
- ☐ Chapter Four

5. On which page will you probably find something about a battering ram?

☐ page 68

☐ page 56

☐ page 67

☐ page 72

6. Give the definition for a portcullis and a quarry.

1) _____

2) _____

7. What is the name for a stone tower that was in the center of the castle that was used for defending the castle?

8. Where did the workers find the stones that were used for building the castle?
